

**Minutes  
Grant County Fiscal Court  
March 16, 2015**

**Call to Order**

Judge/Executive Stephen Wood called to order the March 16, 2015 meeting of the Grant County Fiscal Court.

Those in attendance were Judge/Executive Stephen P. Wood; Magistrates Jacquelyn Riley, Bobby Newman, and Shawna Coldiron; Sheriff Chuck Dills; and Deputy Judge/Executive & Fiscal Court Clerk Scott Kimmich.

Citizens in attendance were: Mike Webster, Charles Givin, Ryan Spalding, and Teresa Wood.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Judge Wood led in the Pledge and called upon Rev. Donald Kannady, Minister of Bethany Baptist Church to offer the invocation.

**Review and Approval of the Agenda**

Judge Wood presented the Agenda for approval. Magistrate Riley offered a motion to approve and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted AYE, Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Judge Wood presented the minutes of the meeting held March 3, 2015 for consideration. Magistrate Newman offered a motion to approve and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted AYE, Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried unanimously.

**Prerogative of the Chair**

Judge Wood advised he would like to exercise the prerogative of the chair and move an item from the Judge's Report to this part of the meeting:

He said, when he took office he made the decision he wanted to develop a way of recognizing people in our community who truly go the extra mile in service to this community.

After thinking it over he made the decision to create the Colonel John Grant Frontiersman Award, as a means by which to honor others who are pioneers in spirit, dedicated to the service of others, and committed to the common good.

He explained that later in the meeting he will offer a proclamation to declare this month as Women in History Month. However, as part of that celebration he wanted to issue his first Colonel John Grant Frontiersman Award to a lady who has dedicated her life to developing the mind, body, and spirit of thousands of young people as an unsung hero, as a longtime classroom

teacher who at 104 years' young has been an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Grant County Historical Society and Williamstown Baptist Church. Mrs. Carolyn Ransdell.

Judge Wood spoke of Mrs. Ransdell's legacy as an educator and individuals in the audience referenced family members who had been students of Mrs. Ransdell.

Judge Wood asked those in attendance to join him in recognizing the extraordinary accomplishments of an outstanding Pioneer in education.

### **Fiscal Matters**

#### Treasurer's Monthly Cash Report

Judge Wood presented the Treasurer's Monthly Cash Report for acknowledgement of the Fiscal Court.

#### Claims List

Judge Wood presented for the court's approval the claims list dated March 3, 2015 against the General Fund; Road Fund; LEGA Fund, and Jail Fund.

Magistrate Riley sought confirmation the amount of money recorded for the IDA was a quarterly distribution of funds and Judge Wood confirmed her belief and advised he has talked with Mayors who are also responsible for the transfer of money to the IDA about revisiting the formula for payment based on shifting population in the county.

Magistrate Riley moved approval of the Claims List and Magistrate Newman seconded the motion.

Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted AYE, with the exception of those claims due and payable to Owen County Rural Electric, upon which she would like the record to show her present but not voting, Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried.

#### Resolution 15-02(E)

Judge Wood presented Resolution 15-02(F), a resolution approving line item transfers, within funds, to provide for the payment of bills. Magistrate Riley moved approval of the line item transfers and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted AYE, Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Voided Checks

Judge Wood presented a recommendation of the County Treasurer that the court provide authorization to void checks outstanding for more than 90 days.

Check # 20896 dated 11/17/2014 payable to: Ronald Brock for services as a poll worker. He claims to have never received check. Check to be voided and reissued.

Check # 20897 dated 11/17/2014 payable to: Tami Brock for services as a poll worker. She claims to have never received check. Check to be voided and reissued

Check #20689 dated 10/7/2014 payable to: David Covey as refund on use of Lloyd's Welfare House, over 90 days old, have not been able to locate payee, will not reissue a new check

Check #21042 dated 12/03/2014 payable to: Darlene Yates as refund on use of Lloyd's Welfare House, over 90 day old, have not been able to locate payee, will not reissue a new check

Magistrate Coldiron moved approval of the request to void checks and Magistrate Newman seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted AYE, Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **Speed Limit on Bannister Pike**

Judge Wood advised the Fiscal Court it is the responsibility of the Fiscal Court to set the speed limit on county roads. Therefore, he explained it will be his policy when requested to set or change speed limits that he will request a review of the situation by the Sheriff and Road Supervisor before making a final recommendation to the court.

Judge Wood further advised the court he has reviewed this matter with both individuals and they are in concurrence that as a matter of public safety a reduction in speed to 35 MPH is justified and recommended that the court consider the passage of the ordinance on second reading at the next regular meeting of the Grant County Fiscal Court.

Magistrate Coldiron questioned whether a similar study has been done on Greenville Road. Judge Wood explained that he has had calls on Greenville Road and has been told there are already signs posted for 35 MPH on the road, but that he will look into the matter and report back.

Magistrate Riley explained that her family lives on the road and she is familiar with the situation. She said she believes it is posted and the problem is in enforcement, but said it was a difficult area for policing in that it would probably require a sheriff's deputy to sit along the road to catch the speeders.

Judge Wood said he would look into the situation and report back to the court.

#### **Filing of Lien for Property Clean-up**

Judge Wood advised the court that Pursuant to County Ordinance 10-2007-610, when a property owner is provided sufficient notice of the need to clear a nuisance from a parcel of private property and refuses to do so, the county is authorized to proceed in the elimination of the nuisance and to file a lien upon the property in question. In this case, the county attorney is seeking the authorization of the court to proceed in the filing as a parcel has been cleared of the

debris, notice has been served, and the heirs to the estate have failed to respond accordingly.

County Attorney Taylor explained that this was a property that had been in need of attention and that the failure of the heirs to clean up the property led to the county cleaning up the property and this lien is simply a method of the county trying to recover the actual amount that was spent.

Magistrate Newman questioned how long this lien will be in place before the county would be in a position to recover the funds. The County Attorney said that has not been determined, but the lien would have to be satisfied at the time the property is eventually sold. Mr. Taylor also explained that there is question whether the property is even actually worth the amount of the lien.

Magistrate Riley questioned how the lien is tracked, to insure future collection. Mr. Taylor advised the court this is something Brian Miles with the Solid Waste Board would be monitoring.

Magistrate Newman moved approval of the request to void checks and Magistrate Riley seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote Magistrate Newman voted AYE, Magistrate Coldiron voted AYE, Magistrate Riley voted AYE, and Judge Wood voted AYE. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Administrative/Departmental Reporting**

#### **Parks and Community Service Update**

Judge Wood recognized Benjamin Oldiges for a report on the Grant County Parks Department.

Mr. Oldiges outlined his goals and plans for the upcoming year. He expressed his desire to get community engaged in recreation without spending large sums of money and also stated that he believes it is critical for the county to explore recreational opportunities for people of all ages. He also explained the county's use of the computerized tracking system which the county owns, but which his is view has been underutilized to bring about greater overall efficiency in the parks department.

Mr. Oldiges reported on damage done to the county park in Crittenden and explained that he thinks this is a bad reflection on the county when someone acts out like this. County Attorney Taylor explained that there have been criminal charges filed and a warrant has been issued for the individual alleged to be responsible for the damage in the park.

### **Judge/Executive's Report**

Judge Wood announced he had declared March as Women in History Month and called on the clerk to report on the proclamation.

### **Citizen's Address**

Judge Wood asked if there were any citizens seeking to address the court, no one responded

## **Executive Session**

Judge Wood explained there are few times he will ask the court to retire to executive session, but as the county looks at litigation that threatens the fiscal strength of the county, he feels it is appropriate for the court to have an update on those cases.

He reminded the public the Fiscal Court cannot take action in a closed session. Any conclusions or decisions made in closed session must be brought to the public for a vote upon the return to open session.

He advised the press and those in the room the court will reconvene for the sole purpose of adjournment this evening and no action will be taken as a result of the Executive Session this evening, this meeting is for informational purposes only.

He advised the court will convene as the Public Properties Corporation for the express purpose of approving the minutes of their last meeting and authorizing a check to the Secretary of State to maintain good standing.

Judge Wood requested a motion and second too retire to Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (f) for discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of a public agency. Magistrate Riley moved to retire to executive session and Magistrate Coldiron second the motion. On a voice vote all members presented voted AYE.

Judge Wood requested a motion to reconvene in Open Session and advised there was no action as a result of executive session. A motion was offered by Magistrate Coldiron and seconded by Magistrate Newman. On a voice vote all members voted in the affirmative.

## **Adjournment**

Judge Wood requested a motion to adjourn Fiscal Court to the hour of 7:00 p.m. EST on April 6, 2015, or until the call of the chair. Magistrate Riley moved approval of the request and Magistrate Coldiron seconded the motion.

The Court adjourned on a voice vote.

Signed:

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Stephen P. Wood  
Grant County Judge/Executive